

On the same date he wrote to Senator Lodge:
"Curzon, who is Chancellor of Oxford, has just asked me to go there to get a degree and to deliver the Romanes lecture in the spring- of 1910 on my way back from Africa. I am really glad to do. The lecture has been delivered in the past by men like Gladstone, Huxley, John Morley, and Bryce, and I regard it as an honor to be asked and moreover, as something right in my line. Then it gives me a legitimate reason for visiting England. I felt I would like, when I left Africa, to spend a couple of months in Italy, France, Holland, and to end with a couple of in England; but I rather hated to go there without a object, because, if I finally came to the conclusion I would have to be presented to the King and call on public men, it would look as if I were simply traveling about for that purpose. Now this puts the matter right"

To Frederic Remington, for whom he cherished a warm friendship, he wrote on October 28, 1908, in reply to a letter of sympathy on his retirement:

^{if}It was good of you to write us and I appreciate it. You are one of the men whose friendship I value. Do you know I am rather ashamed to say that I can not accept your I am still looking forward, and not back. I do not know any man who has had as happy a fifty years as I had. I have had about as good a run for my as any human being possibly could have; and what- now I am ahead of the game. Besides, I hope

to be able to do some good work now and
then; and I
am forward to my African trip with just
as much
as if I were a boy; and when I come back
there
are lots of things in our social, industrial and
political life
in I shall take an absorbed interest. I
have never
in the least with the kind of man who feels
that
he has been fortunate enough to hold a big
position
he can not be expected to enjoy himself
afterward in a less
position. In fact, I do not -in the least care
for